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SUBJECT: ELSINORE MEETING ON TINDEMANS' REPORT VS. BROADER

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AUSTRIAN PARTICIPANT AT ELSINORE MEETING OF SOCIALIST LEADERS SAYS MOST PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT TINDEMANS' REPORT IS DEFICIENT ON RELATIONSHIPS OF EC-NINE WITH OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THAT BROADER INTRA-EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD ALSO BE BUILT-UP. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH POSITION, PROMOTED BY AUSTRIANS, REFLECTS AUSTRIAN DESIRE AS SMALL AND RELATIVELY UNINFLUENTIAL NEUTRAL TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN BUILDING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS IN EUROPE THAT SECURE AUSTRIAN INTERESTS. END SUMMARY.

2. COUNCIL OF EUROPE (COE) PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT KARL CZERNETZ BELIEVES DISCUSSION AT ELSINORE OF TINDEMANS' REPORT AND PROBLEM OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EC-NINE COUNTRIES AND NINE-EC COUNTRIES REPRESENTED THERE WAS MORE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT THAN DISCUSSION OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE. WITH RESPECT TO LATTER, HE SAID, PRESS COVERAGE COMPLETELY DISTORTED FACT THAT SITUATION AFTER ELSINORE REMAINS PRECISELY WHAT IT WAS BEFORE, VIZ. THAT EACH NATIONAL PARTY WILL MAKE ITS OWN DECISION BUT WITHOUT SANCTION, EVEN IMPLIED, OF OTHERS OR OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI). CZERNETZ THINKS MOST ELSINORE PARTICIPANTS NOW AGREE THAT TINDEMANS' REPORT IS TOTALLY DEFICIENT WITH RESPECT TO MATTER OF EC-NINE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND THAT COE AND OTHER BROADER, INTRA-EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS MUST BE BUILT UP ALONG SIDE THOSE OF EC. BILATERAL COOPERATION OF EC-NINE WITH EACH OF OTHER WEST

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CANNOT LEAD TO LATTER JOINING EC, AS TINDEMANS' REPORT ENVISIONS NOR CAN EC-NINE NOW SPEAK FOR OTHERS.

3. CZERNETZ TOLD LABATT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FULL WEST GERMAN SUPPORT FOR ABOVE VIEWS IN TALKS WITH GERMAN SOCIALIST AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT BONN BEFORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELSIMORE MEETING. AT ELSINORE, HE SAID, BRANDT STRONGLY SUPPORTED BUILDUP OF COE TO PROVIDE LARGER EUROPEAN BALANCE TO STRENGTHENED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT NOTED FACT THAT IN SOME RESPECTS, E.G. THROUGH ASSOCIATION IN MONETARY "SNAKE", SOME EC COUNTRIES WERE MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO NON-EC THAN OTHER EC COUNTRIES, AND TOOK POSITION THAT EUROPE MUST BE BROUGHT TOGETHER PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND

POLITICALLY ON BROADER BASIS THAN EC SINCE FULL AND
DIRECT ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION FOR ALL IS NOT POSSIBLE.

4. CZERNETZ SAID HE ALSO DISCUSSED DEFICIENCIES OF
TINDEMANS'S REPORT WITH PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS AND
HENRIK FAYAT AT BRUSSELS, POINTING OUT TO THEM NOT ONLY
THAT REPORT FAILED TO MENTION COE AND, IN ITS COMMENTS
ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IGNORED FACT THAT BOTH EC-NINE AND
OTHER COUNTRIES IN COE ARE ALL BOUND BY EUROPEAN
CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT THAT REPORT EVEN FAILED
TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF RECOMMENDATION OF TINDEMANS'S OWN
BELGIAN PARTY-COLLEAGE, LEYNEN, WHOSE REPORT CALLING FOR
COE AS BRIDGE BETWEEN WEST EUROPE'S EC AND NON-EC
COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY COE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
LAST NOVEMBER.

5. CZERNETZ SAID FAYAT WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN
POSSIBLE DIRECT ELECTIONS TO COE TO PARALLEL THOSE TO
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. CZERNETZ SAID HE REPLIED THAT
ALTHOUGH COE ALREADY HAD RIGHT OF INITIATIVE-WHICH
WAS ALL TINDEMANS NOW FORESAW FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND
QUITE PROBABLY COULD NOT GET-HE DID NOT FAVOR
DIRECT ELECTIONS UNLESS REAL LEGISLATIVE POWER IS GIVEN TO COE;
HOWEVER, HE WOULD NOT RULE DIRECT ELECTIONS OUT AS ONE
OF WAYS TO BE CONSIDERED IN TRYING TO STRENGTHEN BROADER
EUROPEAN COOPERATION. CZERNETZ SAID HE ALSO TOLD
BELGIANS, AS HE HAD OTHERS, THAT COE WAS IN ADDITION TO,
NOT IN COMPETITION WITH, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT; CONCURRENT
DIRECT ELECTIONS TO COE MIGHT CLOUD THAT FACT.

6. COMMENT: CZERNETZ'S COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS ON
FUTURE RELATIONSHIP OF EC-NINE COUNTRIES TO OTHER
WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REFLECT CONTINUING AUSTRIAN
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CONCERN THAT, AS NEUTRAL WITH LIMITED POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC INFLUENCE, ITS INTERESTS MAY BE OVERLOOKED IN
BUILDING NEW ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS IN
WESTERN EUROPE. AUSTRIANS WANT THESE RELATIONS TO
DEVELOP WHEREVER POSSIBLE IN WAYS THAT PERMIT THEM
TO PARTICIPATE, EVEN IF THIS DETRACTS TO SOME EXTENT
FROM CLOSER COOPERATION WITHIN EC. WHILE AUSTRIANS
RECOGNIZE NEED FOR FURTHER INTEGRATION WITHIN EC, IN
SEVERAL CONTEXTS (E.G. PORTUGAL, MIDDLE EAST, ENERGY)
THEY HAVE ALSO PERCEIVED THAT EC COUNTRIES ARE NOT ALWAYS
IN BEST POSITION TO ACT COLLECTIVELY OR WITH APPROPRIATE
DISPATCH TO PROTECT EITHER THEIR OWN OR WEST EUROPEAN
INTERESTS. BUCHANAN

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